P R O C L A M A T I O N

The Pilgrims brought to this country the custom of setting aside each year a day of prayer and Thanksgiving. This custom has been perpetuated by the American people and today, as on that first Thanksgiving Day, we give thanks for our many blessings.

Let us today appeal, as did George Washington in that presidential proclamation in 1789, to "the great Lord and ruler of nations to render our national government a blessing to all the people," and "we may then unite in rendering unto him our sincere and humble thanks for his kind care and protection of the people of this country and for the single and manifold mercies and favorable interpositions of his providence."

Today in giving thanks for the favors of the year about to close may we add our thanks to the Almighty that this country has not become involved in a foreign war, that the freedom of religion and education still prevails in this land of ours and that all the people have an equal voice in government.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harlan J. Bushfield, Governor of the State of South Dakota, in keeping with the unbroken tradition of the State of South Dakota, proclaim Thursday, the 28th day of November, 1940,

THANKSGIVING DAY

to be devoted by the people of the State of South Dakota to the service of that great Being who is the beneficent author of all the good that was, that is and that will be.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota to be affixed.

DONE AT THE CAPITOL, in the City of Pierre, this 15th day of November, 1940.

Governor

ATTEST:

Secretary of State

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